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Renovation and Beautification Completed

I-75 WELCOME CENTER IN RINGGOLD TO REOPEN ON FRIDAY

RINGGOLD, GA – Here is some good news for travelers on Interstate 75 in Northwest Georgia. Renovation and retrofitting work on the Georgia Welcome Center on I-75 South in Ringgold has been completed and the Center will reopen on Friday.

The Ringgold Welcome Center has been closed for renovation since November 30, 2015. During that renovation and beautification time, motorists had no access to the Georgia Welcome Center driveway, parking areas or building.

Renovations to the Georgia Welcome Center in Ringgold included new signage, repairing both car and truck parking lots, re-striping parking lots, landscaping, repair roof and gutter leaks, replacing HVAC system, installing new plumbing fixtures with automatic flush valves and motion sensors, updating fire alarm system, replacing wall switches with occupancy sensors, replacing all light fixtures with LED light fixtures, repairing/replacing drywall as necessary, and painting the entire building.

The 10,200 square foot Georgia Welcome Center on I-75 just south of the Tennessee State line was first built and opened to visitors in 1997.

These recent major renovations were completed at a construction cost of \$825,000. Funds for the renovation and beautification of the Georgia welcome centers and rest areas come from revenues collected from the Georgia LOGO program. The Georgia LOGO program offers businesses advertising along highway interchanges through placement of names and logos on signs approaching exits. It generates approximately \$3.3 million annually.

DriveAlert ArriveAlive calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. ***DriveAlert ArriveAlive*** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA. #ArriveAliveGA

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